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[Miracle of the Wood](#)

By Jasa Santos

ARLEE, Mont.—In a small shop at the end of a deeply rutted road in this Flathead Reservation town is Ken Light's passion. The shop is dimly lit and smells of cedar and dust. Light's massive silhouette diminishes his sturdy worktable. His large hands nimbly sand and shape an ordinary looking chunk of wood into a long cylinder that will soon become a Native flute.

[Tribe pledges \\$1 million for D.C. embassy](#)

Jessica Coomes, The Arizona Republic - Oct. 4, 2006

FORT MCDOWELL - The northeast Valley's small but wealthy Indian tribe has pledged \$1 million toward a \$20 million Washington, D.C., embassy building for the National Congress of American Indians, a lobbying organization for tribal governments.

[Meth epidemic a top issue at NCAI annual conference](#)

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Tribal governments must enlist partners in their fight against methamphetamine, the president of the National Congress of American Indians said on Tuesday. On the second day of NCAI's annual conference in Sacramento, California, meth and its effect on tribal communities remained high on the agenda. In addition to focusing on the topic during general assemblies, tribal leaders have held two special sessions to address a drug that has ravaged Indian and non-Indian communities alike.

[Tuition waiver for Indian students would be small, welcome gesture](#)

By JODI RAVE - 10/04/06

BOULDER, Colo. — Some colleges open the door a little wider when recruiting American Indian students. University of Colorado officials are taking greater notice of indigenous students who might attend the state's premier university. The efforts are seemingly linked with CU's need to move past the recent firing of Ward Churchill, the controversial CU professor, a self-proclaimed Cherokee, who was ultimately dismissed in June for academic research misconduct. This fall, CU awarded 12 scholarships, each for \$10,000, to American Indian undergraduate students as part of the newly created First Nations Scholarship program. The awards which are given to out-of-state students belonging to federally recognized tribes are unprecedented in the history of CU's recruiting relationship with American Indian students.

[NCAI President Joe Garcia Offers State of Indian Nation Agenda](#)

The National Press Club meeting room was filed to capacity as newly elected National Congress of American Indians' President Joe Garcia gave the fourth annual State of Indian Nations address on what he cited as "the Four Great Steps" for Indians to achieve in the coming year. They include reforms in Public Safety, Health Care, Education, and settlement of the Native American Trust case. These issues, he said, are at the top of his agenda for the next two years of his term of office and some of the foremost priorities throughout Native America. For the complete address and text of President Garcia's remarks, visit www.ncai.org